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We notice by the last Raleigh "Spirit of the Age," that its talented editor, Mr. Gorman, paid Wilmington a flying visit a short time since; the first, we believe, in some thirteen or fourteen years. Mr. Gorman expressed himself highly pleased with everything in our rising emporium, and surprised as well as delighted with the evidences of progress which met him upon every hand. Instead of a small town he found a growing city, with crowded streets and busy wharves. He had also the pleasure of finding the Temperance cause, of which he is an able advocate, in a flourishing condition.

Among his other calls he did not neglect the Editors, but, unfortunately for the absentees, found only Mr. Loring at home, as aldermanic and good humored as in days of yore. Bure saw across the street, and avers that he cannot be as old as "history" records—some fifty-one, we believe—neither does he think him quite as uncomely as Geesies Edney, who he says is the "Mountain Kangaroo" in fact, he thinks the Herald-man nearly as young and as good-looking as himself, sharp as a briar and "some punkin" all round. We regret much our being from home when friend Gorman called at our sanctum, but hope that visits to our place will be quite so angelic in future, and we may thus have an opportunity of making his acquaintance at an early day. Modesty prevents our quoting his highly flattering allusion to the editor of the Journal, as an editor of course, for it does not seem that he was equally struck with our personal puerility, upon which subject he is silent. We forgive him, however, freely forgive him, for we begin to fear the less said the better, but how can we forgive him for likening our enterprising and matrimonially inclined friend Burr unto "Geesies" Edney, the "Mountain Kangaroo." Oh! Mr. Gorman, Mr. Gorman, oh!

More Aid Asked.
When Congress stepped forward to give the assistance asked for by the Collins Line of steamers, over and above, and double the amount provided for by their contract, we felt certain that a precedent was established of a dangerous character, and that begging for extra compensation, illegal gratuities, would become a system with all the employees of the Government. We now see that this is becoming verified in the case of the Havre steamers. They, too, are asking an additional sum from the Government, asserting that unless they get it the line must be discontinued.

OUR SENATORIAL ELECTION.—The Washington Correspondent of the Charleston Standard, writing under date of the 5th instant, says that "The Senatorial election in North Carolina is attracting no little attention here, [in Washington]—the sympathies of the Democrats being very strongly against Gen'l Saunders and his friends. His new position upon the public land question has by no means served to increase his popularity at Washington, except with the Whigs, whose policy he now advocates in this connection. From present appearances, the General had "done for himself," by his somersets here, if not in Raleigh. You will recollect that his friends have suggested his name for a Cabinet appointment. His recent course has, probably, put it out of the power of Gen. Pierce to call him into his Council, if he were so disposed."

LAUNCH OF A STEAMBOAT.—The hull of a fine steamer of over 130 feet in length was last Saturday launched from the shipyard of Mr. B. W. Beery, on the other side of the river, opposite town. She is to be called the Samuel Beery, and we believe, is intended to be employed in towing vessels, and other business connected with the trade of this port. So far as we can judge, her construction is in every way creditable to her enterprising builder. She is owned by gentlemen of this place. The launch came off without the slightest accident, and was a beautiful sight.

RECEIVED, Norton's Literary Register, for 1853, containing an Almanac, an account of the leading Public Libraries in the United States—a list of the various Public Libraries in the several States, with the number of volumes in each—an account of the doings of the Smithsonian Institute for the past year—and a list of Publishers and of American and English publications for 1852. It will be found invaluable to any person desirous of buying new works, or of keeping up with the progress of things literary, certainly worth its price, which is 25 cents. Chas. Norton, 71 Chambers street, New York.

MR. H. L. SCHREINER has laid on our table "The Cornelia Waltz," a piece of music composed by himself, and dedicated to Miss Cornelia A. Upham, of Castine, Maine. We learn that it has been performed with great applause by the Wilmington Amateur Brass Band.

The Steamship Philadelphia, arrived at New Orleans on the 9th inst., with San Francisco dates to the 16th of November. She sailed in company with the Illinois, for New York, which vessel carried two millions and a half of specie.

The City of Sacramento had nearly all been burned to the ground, and serious fires had also occurred at San Francisco and Marysville. The steam Propeller City of Pittsburg, owned by the Philadelphia and Liverpool Steamship Company, was burned to the water's edge at Valparaiso, (Chili), on the 20th of October. The Clipper ship Sovereign of the Seas, had arrived at San Francisco from New York, in a little over 100 days.

The Presidential election had passed off quietly, and had resulted in a majority of fifteen thousand for Pierce and King.

The amount of Treasury Notes outstanding on the 1st instant is officially stated to be \$121,311 64.

A joint resolution was introduced into the U. S. Senate on the 8th instant, by Mr. CLEMENS of Alabama, to confer the rank of Lieut. General upon General Scott.

At a meeting of the citizens of the Town of Wilmington, at the office of the Commissioners, Dec. 9, 1852.

W. C. Howard, Esq., M. P., was called to the Chair, and John McKee and Edward Kidder were appointed Secretaries.

On motion of O. G. Parsley, Esq., it was Resolved, That a committee of eight be appointed to prepare a Memorial to the Legislature of this State, now in session, requesting them to adopt a resolution soliciting Congress to make further appropriation for the improvement of the Bars at the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

And the following gentlemen were appointed: P. K. Dickinson, John McKee, O. G. Parsley, C. D. Ellis, James Cassidy, Z. Lattimer, E. Kidder and Henry Nutt.

On motion of Col. John McKee, it was Resolved, That Z. Lattimer, C. D. Ellis, and O. G. Parsley be appointed to draw up the Memorial, and furnish each member of the committee with a copy thereof, for the purpose of obtaining signatures.

Austria (says an English Journal) is running the career of a bankrupt and spendthrift, and only keeps together by coercion. Prussia and the other States of Germany are in the strong grasp of a military despotism.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

From Our Regular and Special Correspondent.

RALEIGH, Dec. 8, 1852.

DEAR JOURNAL.—No ballot to-day for Senator. Our party proper, in the Senate, are called upon to keep out of a difficulty; they must stand off an election until the refractory portion have been brought to their proper senses by the danger which at this time overhangs us—so far as a Senator is concerned.

A number of new bills were presented in the Senate. Mr. McMillan introduced a bill to incorporate the Jacksonville and Trent River Plank Road Company. Mr. Gilmer introduced a resolution providing for the payment of cost incurred on the part of the State by the Stockholders of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad Company. Mr. G. W. Caldwell introduced a bill to incorporate the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad Company. Mr. Boyd introduced a plan: a bill to appropriate the House of Commons—Mr. Lane introduced a bill to incorporate the Ashboro' and Salisbury Plank Road Company. Mr. Byrum introduced a bill to incorporate the Rutherford and Raleigh Plank Road Company. The Committee on Internal Improvements, reported favorably on the bills to improve the South West Branch of New River; and the bill to incorporate the New River Canal Co. Mr. Clark, a bill relative to the County Court of Edgecombe. Mr. Byrum's resolutions to abolish the Supreme Court of North Carolina, were rejected on second reading. Mr. Berry's Free Suffrage bill passed its first reading by general consent, and made the order of the day, for a future day. [Same bill rejected in the Commons to-day, on first reading.] Mr. Woodfin's Omnibus bill, for appropriating \$3,000,000 for Internal Improvements, was taken up. Mr. Steele offered to amend, by appropriating \$250,000 for the improvement of the Pee Dee, and \$50,000 for the improvement of Lumber River. Mr. Person, \$25,000 for Roanoke River; and before the vote is taken, there will be appropriations enough added, as amendments to break the State, and the bill will be rejected.

Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to incorporate the Mutual Marine Insurance Company in Wilmington. Mr. S. also introduced a bill to amend an act to incorporate the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company.

A number of committee reports made in the House to-day. Business is getting on—members talk strong of adjourning on the 15th, according to a joint resolution.

An unusually large number of strangers in the city; among them, we notice the face of Hon. Calvin Graves, of Caswell; he saved the Central Road, and deserves the lasting gratitude of North Carolinians.

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DEAR JOURNAL.—This has been a very dull day in the Legislature. Most of the Senate's time was consumed by Mr. Woodfin in a speech of two hours' length, in defence of his Omnibus Bill. It is the order of the day for "another day."

Mr. Boyd's plan for 50 Senatorial Districts, passed its first reading. A bill to incorporate the Suffolk and Gatesville Railroad Company, was introduced. Mr. Cowper, from the committee on Finance, reported a bill to refund to the Treasury certain monies, and for other purposes, as a substitute for the resolutions heretofore offered by Mr. Drake, which was passed. A resolution passed the Senate, to instruct the committee on Education to inquire whether, if any, and what additional legislation is necessary in regard to the mode of distributing the School Fund. Bill in relation to Executors and Administrators, was defeated on its second reading. The engrossed Land Resolution of the House, read first time in the Senate, and passed.

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A Mrs. Perry, wife of Parker Perry, living six miles north of the city, was found dead in the well, in the yard of her residence. Upon an examination, it is supposed she was murdered and thrown in the well for concealment. I understand that her husband has been arrested and imprisoned on suspicion.

Our Hotels are more than crowded—every private House is perfectly jammed—and the cry is, still they come. Circus is now here, and next week the Temperance Convention will assemble in the city, which will bring not less than five hundred more strangers. We can feed them, but, "tight times for a place to sleep."

Town Meeting.
In pursuance of a call made by Wm. C. Howard, Esq., M. P., a portion of the citizens of Wilmington assembled at the Town House, on Wednesday evening, 8th inst., when, on motion of F. Northrop, Esq., W. C. Howard, Esq., M. P., was called to the chair, and Mr. Cronly appointed secretary.

1. Northrop, Esq., in a brief remark, explained the object of the meeting to be, as to the propriety of the memorial relating to the unrestricted traffic in ardent spirits, which had been passed by the General Assembly of this State, for the purpose of restricting this traffic to some extent; and being satisfied that the present existing laws on this subject, failed to effect the wholesome purposes intended by them, or even to correct to any extent, any of the great evils growing out of the use and sale of intoxicating liquors.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting, that the General Assembly of this State, having a parental regard to the welfare of the people, should pass a law prohibiting the sale of Spirituous Liquors as a beverage, or for medicinal purposes, except by a physician, and that in any county, except by the confirmation of a majority of all the Justices of the Peace in said county, in open Court, and obtained upon written application signed by a majority of the heads of families residing within five miles of the place where said Spirituous Liquors are to be obtained; in a town, Village or City, signed by a majority of all the heads of families residing within three miles thereof.

A license fee to be one hundred dollars for the former, and one hundred dollars for the latter. And whatever may be enacted, to be subject to the legal vote of the legal voters of the State; and to take effect, if confirmed, at a subsequent time, to be designated by the General Assembly.

Resolved, That Henry Nutt, H. W. Toy, Isaac Northrop, and Joseph B. Russell, Esqs., and Dr. Daniel DuPre, be a committee to present a memorial, embodying the sentiments of the meeting, to the General Assembly of this State, requesting their signatures to the same; and when so adopted, to forward the same to the Members representing the county of New Hanover in the General Assembly, with a request that they would aid in passing the same into a law.

On motion, Resolved, That the papers of the town be requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting.

No further business being, adjourned.

W. C. HOWARD, M. P., Chm.

CONGRESS, DEC. 8.—SENATE.—The Kentucky contested Senatorship was laid over until Monday. Mr. Gwin gave notice that he should at an early day propose a bill to set apart lands for a Pacific Rail Road. The Senate then adjourned.

Horse.—Mr. Seidler announced the death of Mr. Fowler of Massachusetts, and, after the adoption of the customary resolutions, the House adjourned.

Imports from St. Domingo.
Boston, Dec. 8.—Advices from Hayti, to November 19th, state that the French Naval Force had taken possession of Samana, in St. Domingo, with the design of improving it as a Naval Station, unless the United States Government should object to such a proceeding.

Mr. Walker, Secretary of State, is about to publish a valuable contribution to our historical literature. He has procured from England copies of the correspondence carried on by the Tories here at the beginning of the Revolution, eighty years ago. The letters are mostly official, and the tone is a great deal of light upon the revolutionary history of Massachusetts. It is a mistaken notion that the whole people of Massachusetts were on the whig side in those days. The Tories were numerous, and comprised a large majority of the "respectabilities" of the colony. I remember hearing a lecture delivered, some years ago, on the subject, by a clever man, who declared that there had been two great struggles in this country between the respectable and the disreputable classes, and that in both instances respectability had to go to the wall. The first contest was between the Tories and the Whigs of the Revolution, and the second that between the Federalists and the Democrats in 1800. Respectability, he said, had not shown its face for the last thirty years, and he declared that the respectable of the present day, who are directly descended from those of the Revolution.

Mr. Sparks is generally thought to have annihilated Lord Mahon by his answer. In England, I suppose, they think the annihilation is on the other side. But there they have seen only one side of the controversy. That Mr. Sparks has done any great literary work, and it is intended to prevent the issuing of gold coin by any individual, as by Bechtler, at Rutherfordton.]

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From the Raleigh Register.

Report of the Comptroller.

We have before us the Annual Report of the Comptroller of Public Accounts, for the fiscal year ending Oct. 31, 1852. From it we learn, that there was a balance on hand, on the 1st of November, 1851, of \$135,851 51.

Receipts during the Fiscal year

Disbursements during the year

Balance due this Fund, Nov. 1, 1852

There was a balance due the Treasurer (Public Fund), on the 1st Nov. 1851

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The receipts into the Literary Fund were as follows:

From Entries of Vacant Lands, \$4,814 02

Auction Tax, 633 33

Dividends, Roanoke Navigation Company, 1,300 00

Cap. Fear, do, 1,300 00

W. & R. R. Road Company, 12,000 00

Bank of the State, 51,526 65

Bank of Cape Fear, 42,576 00

Interest on R. & G. Rail Road Bonds, 8,559 00

W. & R. R. do, do, 420 00

Floral College do, 120 00

Wake Forest College do, 546 11

Plank Road do, 161 34

Tavern Tax, do, 5,234 96

The disbursements from the same Fund were as follows:

For Common Schools, 144,351 13

For the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind, 12,200 00

Do. Building, 3,721 70

Expenses, 1,172 30

Swamp Lands, 7 20

\$161,472 33

The receipts into the Public Fund were as follows:

From State Bonds, (principal), \$130,000 00

Do. (premium), 2,455 32

Plank Road Bonds, (principal), 20,000 00

Do. (interest), 400 00

Interest, W. & R. Rail Road Bonds, 3,000 00

Do. Seaboard & Roanoke R. R. do, 646 45

Fayette & West. P. R. dividends, 7,800 00

Roanoke Navigation Co., 1,300 00

Western Turnpike, 59 65

Bank dividends, (Bank of Cape Fear), 976 90

Tax on Bank Stock:

Bank of Wadesboro', 420 25

Bank of the State, 2,455 32

Bank of Cape Fear, 2,389 00

Bank of Fayetteville, 950 00

Bank of Washington, 475 00

Commercial Bank of Wilmington, 875 01

Merchant's Bank of New Bern, 562 50

Public Tax, (1851), 1,053 68

Do. (1852), 17,210 15

Do. additional returns for 1850, &c., 360 68

Tax on Attorneys' Licences, 580 00

Loan, (Bank of the State), 29,000 00

\$366,728 88

The disbursements from the same Fund were as follows:

For Hospital for the Insane, \$38,918 45

Fayetteville and West. P. R. Com., 20,000 00

Weldon and Gaston Rail Road, 15,000 00

Interest on Ral. and Gaston R. R. bonds, 33,300 00

Principal do, 31,000 00

Interest on State Bonds, 16,243 13

Do. Plank Road Bonds, 3,006 28

Cape Fear and Deep River Nav. Company, 20,000 00

Caldwell and Ashe Turnpike Company, 1,250 00

Neuse River Navigation Company, 12,411 33

Geological Survey, 2,150 00

Public Printing, 28,849 70

State Land, 28,164 69

Executive Department, 2,432 00

Treasury do, 2,000 00

State do, 800 00

Comptroller's do, 1,000 00

Bank of Cape Fear, 2,389 00

Librarian, 75 00

Superintendent of Capitol, 260 00

Governor's House, 272 54

Post Office, 193 11

Stationery, 265 00

Pensioners, 290 00

General Assembly, (Stationery), 375 12

Sheriffs for setting Taxes, 1,459 40

Do. Governor's Election, 1,232 00

Do. Senatorial Elections, 221 25

Miscellaneous, 1,647 65</